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WE ARE READY TO SUPPLY YOUR CHRISTMAS WANTS

With the BEST ASSORTMENT of HOLIDAY GOODS We Have EVER Shown

These Goods are now on display and we invite an early inspection of same feeling assured we will please you

Buy Now While Stocks are Complete and Before the Grand Rush is On.

Our Salespeople will be Glad to serve you. Complete Grocery Stock, Fancy and Staple, for your X-mas Table.

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GRAPHITE AND ITS USES.

Mexico Supplies the Finest Brand of
This Transformed Coal.

In the central part of the Mexican state of Sonora, twenty miles from the mining town of La Colorada, is one of the most desolate spots on earth. A few rude shacks give sign of human occupancy, and there are other evidences to show that mining operations are going on. Here and there are huge heaps of some intensely black stuff.

One soon discovers, however, that the black stuff is graphite—not only that, but it is from this source that the world gets most of the material for its best pencils.

The stuff, oddly enough, is obtained from coal beds which in places have turned into graphite. In fact, the same beds are actually being mined for coal. The spots for coal are actually being mined for graphite.

On being brought to the surface, the stuff is spread out in thin layers, and then thrown into small carts for shipment. Mules are used for this purpose, and it is taken to La Colorada, whence it is shipped by rail to Michigan.

Water is so scarce in the producing locality that it is sold out in kerosene cans, one day to each family, and so that the miners look for it as for gold.

The famous Siberian method of getting out, transported in that part of the world, being poor, and even the man graphite order to rid himself of the graphite impurity. The graphite of Sonora demands a different treatment, and it is crushed in the hand, and exposed to a gas. The heavy particles are thus separated, and the remains are particles of small, like soot.

Graphite thus prepared is used for making pencils. The clay is used for less of it for soft pencils, and the harder the harder the pencil with a big lead.

together. The largest use of graphite, however, is for a lubricant. It is also employed extensively in the mixing of paints to give "body." The familiar shiny look of gunpowder is given by graphite, which furnishes coating for the individual grains and prevents them from sticking together. Other uses of graphite are in the manufacture of stove polish.

For high temperature crucibles the only suitable graphite is that obtained from Ceylon, which has an unusual structure, being fibrous. Mixed with clay for a binder, its fibers interlock, and with expansion and contraction they work in and out, so that the crucible does not break when heated or cooled. Such crucibles are made from an inch high to sizes big enough to hold gallons.—St. Louis Republic.

Byron's Dread of Growing Fat.
Byron was a striking exception to Sir Francis Galton's theory that notabilities are great eaters, for Byron, like many less clever people, had a morbid dread of growing fat and was wont to mortify the flesh accordingly. While at Athens he drank large quantities of water and ate more than a little. At another time he restricted himself to six biscuits a day. Again in 1816 he lived on bread and butter for a week.

TURNER'S AMBITION.

The Great Painter Achieved It by Years of Self Sacrifice.

Turner could not bear to sell a picture for less than he had painted. He was always only after such a transaction, one of my children this morning, he would sadly exclaim. At a meeting at Somerset House it was decided to purchase his two pictures, "The 'Rise' and the 'Fall of Carthage,'" for the National gallery. A Mr. Griffiths was commissioned to offer \$5,000 for them.

"A noble offer," said the painter, "a noble offer—but, no, I cannot part with them. Impossible." Mr. Griffiths, greatly disappointed, took his leave. Turner ran after him. "Tell those gentlemen," he said, "that the nation will most likely have the pictures after all."

Long before this Turner had matured a purpose—which continued to be his dominant idea while life lasted. This was to bequeath to his country a Turner gallery of pictures and to amass £100,000 to build and endow an asylum for decayed artists. It was for this great object that he denied himself all pleasures and all luxuries.

His resolve, once made, could not be shaken. On one occasion he offered £100,000 for a picture which he had locked up in a safe. He was the keeper of the key.

lyn, are you?" he said. "Yes," admitted the young man. "And yet when you're away from home you don't register New York?" "No," replied the tourist firmly. "Here," said the stranger, turning to the clerk; "give this man the best room in the house. I'm the proprietor of this hotel," he explained, "and I come from Brooklyn myself."—Exchange.

The Ostracism.

The ostracism was a way the Greeks had of getting rid of "undesirable citizens" of note. The people wrote the names of those they most suspected upon small shells. These were put in an urn or a box and presented to the senate. Upon a scrutiny of them he whose name was oftmost found was sentenced by the senate to banishment. Six thousand votes were required to make the ostracism lawful. Sometimes the system worked to the detriment of the state, as now and then a good man was banished by the spite of his enemies, but generally the ostracism was a good thing and saved the state much trouble and danger.

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Representing two Scotch companies and two large old line, Insurance companies with almost unlimited funds for investment, and also a very large number of private investors. I am now prepared to make ranch or farm loans of any size, or to purchase vendor's lien notes. Securities and titles passed on by this office. Money paid over at once, with no red tape. We are very anxious to obtain a number of loans for the funds we have invested.

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Lumber at San Angelo at San Angelo prices or at Sonora with freight added from the wagons. From the yard in SE



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Christmas Celebration.

Sonora's Christmas celebration was a repetition of many of the famous events for which Sonora is noted and the only variation, if any, was the weather. But nothing keeps Sonora from having a good time, and everybody knows that as an entertainer Sonora cannot be beat.

... was made to give ... of the celebration in our ... issue.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you will be certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

WINDMILLS OF HOLLAND.

Old Fashioned Methods Still Prevail in Operating Them.

It is said that there are 10,000 windmills in Holland. The number is said, however, to be less than it was fifty years ago, for the Dutch have, in a measure, substituted steam and other forms of power for the capricious wind.

On the eastern end of Long Island there may be seen old windmills. The curious may observe that there is a tiny windmill in many cases perched on the top opposite the great arms, a feature that suggests a pug dog's curled tail. Those who have investigated the mechanism of the windmill know that the little windmill is the Yankee's method of automatically keeping the sails on the great arms always in the wind. As soon as the wind ceases the small wheel rolls the top of the tower and the big wheel around until it again faces the wind. Then, being itself out of the wind, it stops.

Whenever the wind changes in Holland hundreds of mill keepers come forth and laboriously turn the tops about by hand. They may be seen pushing and straining on the galleries surrounding the towers midway between the ground and the top or tugging at the spokes of a wheel on the ground.

Zaanland is especially the home of the windmill. It lies to the north and west of Amsterdam, and every town or village in this district bears its name in "zaan."

Famous Stage Beauties

look with horror on Skin Eruptions, Blotches, Sores or pimples. They don't have them, nor will any one, who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema or Salt Rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chiblainis; heals burns, cuts and bruises. Unequaled for piles. Only 25 cents at Nathans Pharmacy. Advertisement

Asking Too Much.

"Is you do S. P. C. A.?" asked the negro with his arm in a sling. "I am a member of the society," replied the earnest looking young man.

"Well, I want to repo't my mule to you. I been arrested twice on his account, an' you have to nab no mo' words wif me."

"No, boss. But you has been kicked, an' cussed in mule talk. Be kind to dat animal, an' understandin' dat will be precity or, at de very least, a good thing."—Washington Star

How the Daisy Was Named.

Of all the flowers of the field the daisy is the most appropriate. Probably not one person in a hundred understands the significance of this little flower. Hundreds and hundreds of years ago it got its name, and in all parts of the world the name means "day's eye."

CHANGED THE STORY.

Hugo Got It Well Turned Around by the Third Time He Told It.

Right after Napoleon III's coup d'etat Victor Hugo and Schoelcher, a well known politician of that period, fled together from Paris. A short time afterward, when Hugo met Schoelcher at his table in Brussels, the poet said: "Yes, my dear friend, you can boast of having once scared me very much. I had no doubt that we were done for." Turning to the other guests, he explained:

"We were on the way to the Northern railroad depot and were sitting silent and uneasy in the omnibus, our hats drawn deep over our foreheads. Presently a regiment of infantry passed by with flying colors and resounding music. At the sight Schoelcher forgot all caution and, leaning out of the window, shouted, 'Down with Caesar!' Instantly I closed his eyes."

your rather or me."

Little Jack pondered deeply for a few moments. Suddenly a look of knowledge, the outcome of past unhappy experiences, appeared on his countenance.

"Then is whipping heredity, ma?" he asked.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Unique Advertising.

A tale is told of Robert Bonner and of his belief in advertising. One day he engaged a whole page of a newspaper and repeated a two line advertisement upon it over and over again. It must have been repeated 5,000 times upon the page in the smallest type.

"Why do you waste your money, Robert?" asked a friend. "I noticed that same line so often. Would not half a page have answered your purpose?"

"Half a page would never have caused you to ask the question," replied Mr. Bonner. "At least five people will ask that to every line as the way I figured it."

Kind.

... man, with big streaming eyes in and out of his coat.

SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS.

His Fil Nations' Christmas Headquarters.

Santa Claus spends a great deal of his time in Texas getting ready for Christmas. The Texas products are so popular with the children of the nation that each year he has largely increased his purchase of nuts, fruits, etc., until he now stands ready to buy the available output. He is so eager for our products that one would think he has been having a heart-to-heart talk with Uncle Sam, or had been reading the literature of the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association.

The Texas pecan is a special favorite with Santa Claus, and he is rushing car load shipments to his distributing depots where they will be convenient for filling Christmas stockings and decorating Christmas trees. Our peanuts, popcorn and other products are anxiously sought by Santa Claus and he sends them extremely popular with the children.

We not only load his sled with things the children love and which make the winter love with pride, but we also send him...

COMPETITION RULES IN RATES.

Density of Traffic a Powerful Factor—Stock and Bond Issue not Considered.

Competition is the most powerful factor known in rate making. It recognizes the mandates of no court; it quickly tears to pieces the well balanced tariff sheets of every common carrier that comes under its influence and all other elements that enter into rate making yield to its power. The following map gives a practical illustration of the effect of competition in rate making in Texas:



... four direct lines of rail-
... between Dallas and
... stock and bond is-
... lines vary from \$29.-
... per mile. The value
... according to the
... estimate
... 5,686 to \$29,932 per
... assessed values vary
... to \$32,399 per mile.
... expended upon them by
... varies from \$30,000 to
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

HEADQUARTERS OF SANTA CLAUS

To the Good Children of the Sonora Country, GREETINGS:

Tell your Father and Mother How Good You Have Been and That

The Corner Drug Store

HAS JUST THE THING YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS and also say that the

CORNER DRUG STORE has Useful, Pretty and handsome Presents for

Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Sweetheart or Friend. Tell all to go to the CORNER for Gifts and Presents.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF SONORA, TEXAS.

CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000.00

SURPLUS - - 34,500.00

The Oldest Bank in the Devil's River Country.

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E. E. Sawyer, D. J. Wyatt.

ROY E. ALDWELL, Assistant Cashier.

We pay 4 per cent on saving deposits.

No Substitutes-- YOU GET WHAT YOU CALL FOR at the
CORNER DRUG STORE

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Miss Sadie Tillman has gone to
Fort Worth to spend the holidays
with her father and friends.

Miss Rogers, Governess at the
Oscar Appelt ranch has gone to
Fort Worth to spend the holidays
with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Black are
up from the Fort Worth home
to spend the holidays with relatives.

Capt. and Mrs. B. Martin and
sister-in-law Miss Monday left
Wardlaw accompanied them in
H. Martin's car Monday. Capt.
Martin will be remembered
broke his leg at the W. A. Glascock
home in Sonora on December
14 and while taking great risks and
contrary to the advice of his physician,
wanted to get home for
Christmas. The News hopes the
Captain will stand the trip all
right and be his usual self again
in a few weeks.

Bookkeeping
and subject
Satisfaction
refunded.
College, S.

Stockholders' Meeting.

An annual meeting of the stock-
holders of the First National Bank
of Sonora, Texas, will be held at
their bank on Tuesday, January
14th, 1913 between the hours of 10
a. m. and 4 p. m. for the purpose
of electing directors for the ensuing
year.

W. L. Aldwell, President

Members: Whether you buy
Drugs, Candies, Jewelry, or
Goods or Orders at Nathan's Phar-
macy don't fail to ask for the coupons
that are given with every purchase.
They entitle the holder to a
chance at a \$15 gift or \$10
in cash—Adv.

Mrs. W. M. Jones of Lufkin who
has been the guest of her daughter
Mrs. R. L. Denman for the past
few months died of pneumonia Sat-
urday December 21. The remains
were shipped to Lufkin for inter-
ment. Deceased was in her 61st
year. Her late husband was for a
number of years sheriff of Anglin
county.

Courthouse Judge and Mrs. E. S.
Brantcomb came Saturday from
Anglin in their trip. Mr.
Hupp
Bart Carroll

Fort Worth on business and pre-
pare. The Christmas cases will
have his consideration at the first
session of the J. P. court after his
return.

"I had been troubled with con-
stipation for two years and tried
all of the best physicians in
Bristol, Tenn., and they could do
nothing for me. I was advised to
take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
and it cured me. I can now eat
and sleep like a baby and am
stronger than ever before."

Foils a Foul Plot.

When a shameful plot exist be-
tween liver and bowels to cause
distress by refusing to eat, take
Dr. King's New Life Pills and end
such abuse of your system. They
gently compel right action of
stomach, liver and bowels, and re-
store your health and all good
feelings. 25 cents at Nathan's
Pharmacy Advertisement

Maute Nichols of San An-
gelo in Sonora on business and
a visit to her son Alvin Keene
Alvin says Sonora is his home and
he does not know if he is going
back to San Angelo until after
Christmas.

When you have a cold get a bot-
tle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
It will soon fix you up all
right and will ward off any ten-
dency toward pneumonia. This
remedy contains no opium or other
narcotic and may be given as
often as necessary to a baby as to an
adult. Sold by all dealers.

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& South
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which

Live Stock Sanitary Board Reports on Dipping.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec 22—
Chairman Waddell of the Live
Stock Sanitary Board has issued
the following statement to the
cattlemen below the quarantine
line.

The Live Stock Sanitary Com-
mission of Texas last year adopted
the method of moving cattle from
below the quarantine line to points
above the quarantine line which
is now in existence that we
advised everyone desiring to move
cattle from below the line to
points above the line that if
they would fix suitable dipping
facilities in connection with their
nearest railroad shipping pen, we
would dip their cattle anywhere in
Texas, where these facilities were
fixed and give them a certificate to
get to any point above the quaran-
tine line in Texas. This method
has been in operation now for
more than a year and something
like one hundred and fifty thou-
sand cattle have been dipped and
certified to for crossing the quaran-
tine line.

The Bureau of Animal Industry
has agreed to furnish Dr. L. J.
Allen, inspector in charge of Tex-
as and Oklahoma, with a sufficient
corps of inspectors to supervise the
dipping of any cattle for interstate
movement anywhere in Texas
that the owner of the cattle will
prepare a dipping station in con-
nection with the railroad shipping
pens. This concession on the
part of the Government obviates
the necessity of going through the
central business with these cattle
to dip and saves the cattlemen
desiring to move their cattle from
below the quarantine line to points
outside of the state, as Oklahoma,
Kansas or other grazing states the
necessity of paying tribute to the
stock yards companies for hay
while holding cattle for dipping;
also the \$5 to \$7.00 per head for
switching charges, which the rail-
roads exact for dipping in transit
privileges. This saves an expense
on cattle for interstate shipment
approximating \$1.50 a head as
under the old ruling every man
desiring to move cattle outside of
the State can fix his own dipping
stations at home, grazing his cattle
between the first and second dip-
ping stations. This saves not only
the expense of less than
switching charges, but can save
the cattle from being chased
around a stock yard paved with
brick. When this new regulation
is started and in thorough working
order it completes the promise
made by this sanitary board two
years ago, that they would put all
of Texas cattle on an equal market
footing, quality considered. It
now remains for the cattlemen of
Texas to show their appreciation
of their dipping facilities so
approved by this com-
mission.

sanitary. If Congress recognizes
this position and changes the pre-
sent interstate commerce law ac-
cording thereto the quarantine
variable of St. Louis, Kansas City
St. Louis and Chicago will be for-
ever closed and no cattle will be
allowed to be loaded on the cars
for interstate movement with ticks
on them. This means that the
is not far distant when Texas cat-
tlemen moving cattle below the
quarantine line, will have to make
other arrangements to free their
cattle of infection before they can
ship them.

We have demonstrated beyond
question a doubt that cattle can
be freed of infection with a very
small expense and the progressive
cowman already has realized that
the ticks are costing him from \$2
to \$5 a head on every one of his
cattle and the most of them are
ade to begin the work of tick
eradication. This work has pro-
gressed within the past year very
satisfactorily and with an increas-
ed appropriation for the use of the
Sanitary Board and with the active
co-operation of the progressive
cattlemen of Texas I see no reason
why one tier of counties across the
state running from the Red River
to the Rio Grande should not be
freed of infection every year. I
realize this is a stupendous under-
taking and will require the co-op-
eration of all the right thinking
people of this State.

In conclusion I wish to state
to the cattlemen of Texas if you
approve the work done by the
Sanitary Board you can render
the Sanitary Board a great assist-
ance in this work by giving the
same your public endorsement.
The methods of this work, the
Sanitary Board has reduced to a
practical basis and the successful
and permanent eradication of this
work depends upon the co-opera-
tion of the people.

W. H. WADDELL,
Chairman Live Stock Sanitary
Commission of Texas

Murray-Maddox.

Married on Thursday, December
19th, 1912, Miss May Maddox to
Thomas C. Murray. The cere-
mony was performed by Rev. Mr.
Elliott of Edorado.

The bride has a large acquain-
tance and many friends in Sonora
having taken to the path of
eternity.

The groom is a well known young
stockman formerly of Blanco. After
the ceremony the happy couple
left on a visit to friends and re-
latives in Blanco county and sur-
rounding places. The News extends its best
wishes for their happiness.

Miss Estelle McDonald and
brother Arthur returned Saturday
from Austin. Miss Estelle was at St.
Mary's and working on her music,
Arthur who graduated last year
from St. Ed's was in the Univer-
sity and has hopes of making good.
He says there are lots of West
Texas boys down there and that
they all are dandy good fellows—
and then some dandy West Texas
girls. Strange to say two of the
best "Chum" boys he met up with
were from Edorado—Now would
you know you? When re-
turning to Sonora and when Sonora

FOUR PER CENT ON SAVING DEPOSITS.

Bring your pass books to the First
National Bank by January 10th,
1913, and have your interest enter-
ed thereon.

All savings accounts opened before
January 1st, we will allow last
quarters interest on.

We want every one to open savings
account with us.

Ladies, boys and girls especially
invited.

Commence now to save money to
go to the Panama Exposition.

THE Rock Front

J. G. Barton, Proprietor.

Now is the time to buy your Christmas
Wines, liquors and cigars. About 20
brands to choose from.

BANK SALOON.

WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

TRAINER BROS., Props.

THE FAVORITE SALOON

Theo. Savell, Proprietor.

Wishes You the Compliments
of the Season.

Household Goods for Sale.

Good Buell & Co's piano for \$150
two bed room suite, folding bed,
dining room table, wicker parlor
suite, wardrobe with two feet
mirrors sectional bookcase, range
stove, refrigerator.
All for sale very cheap
Mrs R. L. Demman
54-f Sonora, Texas.

Keys Lost.
Bunch of keys Monday Dec. 16,
in Sonora or on the road between
Sonora and San Angelo by way of
Thomson Bros., ranch. About 7
to 10 keys on ring also brass but-
ton no 30.
Finder please return to
W. A. Glascock
Sonora, Texas.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all
trespassers on my ranch 21 miles
south of Sonora for the purpose of
cutting timber, hauling wood, work-
ing live stock, hunting hogs or
injuring fences, without my per-
mission, will be prosecuted to the
full extent of the law.
D. B. CUSENBARY,
91 Sonora, Texas.

Lost Coats.

About Nov. 1 thirty head of
goats from the Sparks ranch 13
miles southeast of Sonora. Mark-
ed; muttons half over crop right
or left. Nannies swallow-fork
either right or left. Branded re-
versed S on left jaw.
Sparks Bros

THE WESTERN NATIONAL BANK

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

J. Willis Johnson, President.
 Louis L. Farr, Vice President.
 Ralph H. Harris, Vice President.
 A. B. Sherwood, Cashier.
 W. H. West, Assistant Cashier.

Capital, Surplus and Profits \$225,000.

We Solicit Your Business.

COTTON SEED CAKE, MEAL & HULLS

WRITE OR PHONE US FOR PRICES DELIVERED AT YOUR NEAREST RAILROAD STATION.

THE SAN ANGELO COTTON OIL CO.

We will pay five cents each for second hand cake or meal sacks returned to the mill in good condition, while we are in operation. Send them into us.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Proprietress.

Rates \$1.50 Per Day.

Best accommodations, Rates Reasonable.
 HEADQUARTERS FOR COMMERCIAL MEN.
 Drummer's Sample Rooms.

SONORA, TEXAS.

JOHN HURST,

EXPERIENCED WELL DRILLER

Quick, Reliable and Satisfactory
 Contracts to go down 1000 feet or less.

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BUSY BEE RESTAURANT.

(Morris Building)

Meals at all hours. Special orders a specialty.

Cakes and pies of all kinds. Orders delivered in Sonora.

VESMIROSKY & MEEK, Props.

SONORA, TEXAS.

MATTINGLY & MOORE Whiskeys

and the Celebrated WOLDORF CLUB
 Sold by Trainer Bros., Bank Saloon,
 Sonora, Texas.

THE SONORA BAKERY is now
 ready to supply all demands
 For BREAD and PASTRY.

BUD HURST, Prop.

SOUTHERN SELECT

Bottled Beer.

Pure, Wholesome Bottled Beer, Made
 in Texas for Texans. Try a bottle.

For sale at all the saloons in Sonora.

KENNETH TALIAFERRO, The Tailor.

NEW SAMPLES JUST RECEIVED. LEAVE YOUR
 ORDERS, CLEANING AND REPAIRING.
 Shop in the Old Bank Building.

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STRIPED BASS.

They Are Quick as a Flash and Will Fight to the Finish.

At the aquarium it will be noticed that before feeding time the big striped bass swim lazily and indifferently near the bottom, moving sluggishly, as one often sees big striped bass swim in the shallow water just beyond the surf line. Nobody who does not know would imagine then that they are fish of incredible swiftness.

The food, consisting of live killies, is thrown in by handfuls. Before the first handful gets a chance to sink an inch below the surface the water is a fizz with the bass, and the killies disappear so quickly that the eye cannot see them go. This is repeated again and again until the first hunger is satisfied. Then the bass ease off.

Lying on the bottom, they watch for some particularly tempting killie. When a bass sees one he is up and back again almost before one perceives that he has moved. And the killie is inside of him.

After watching them for a few minutes the striped bass angler will realize more clearly than he could realize from weeks and months of fishing how carefully the bait must be watched and how swiftly a bass can strike if he feels like it. He will learn also that it is futile to expect to feel a nibble first, if striped bass are really hungry. The fish takes the food with a rush that would sweep a smashed or lost rod if it were held by a careless angler.

When the angler is rewarded by the sharp strike, quick as a flash of lightning, it is nip and tuck, rush here and a rush there, and the man behind the rod is winding rapidly to prevent the line from fouling on the rocks which the striped bass is making for. Shy at first in taking the bait, he is no longer shy, but a fighter. He is in the fight to win if he can. Out into the channel or the tideway, into the deeper water, because he does not like to fight in a corner, he will dodge around the rocks, prepared for a long run, and with terrific dashes and splashes he makes the struggle for freedom from the hook. Now he stops short—he is sulking. The dash is in him, but he stops short with a determination that seems to ask, "What are you going to do about it?"

The striped bass is an uncertain fellow, but in general the fish are hungriest at late dusk. The largest fish resort to the rocky shores of bays and inlets, the smaller ones to the tideways, and the smallest ones to the shallow waters.—New York Times.

Origin of Mountains.

When the Lord was about to fashion the face of the earth he ordered the devil to dive into the watery depths and bring thence a handful of the soil he found at the bottom. The devil obeyed, but when he filled his hand he filled his mouth also. The Lord took the soil, sprinkled it around, and the earth appeared, all perfectly flat. The devil, whose mouth was quite full, looked on for some time in silence. At last he tried to speak, but was choked and fled in terror. After him followed the thunder and the lightning, and so he rushed over the face of the earth, hills springing up where he coughed and sky cleaving mountains where he sneezed.—Rastou in "Russian Folk Tales."

Evolution of Bread.

Unleavened bread was common in the days of Abraham. In early England people had no other method of making bread than by roasting corn and beating it in mortars, then wetting it into a kind of coarse cake. In 1596 rye bread and oatmeal formed a considerable part of the diet of the middle classes. During the 17th century wheat bread did not become popular until recent years, when bread baking at home ceased to become common and bakeries began to flourish.

Why Do Plants Grow Erect?

Exactly why trees and other plants grow erect has never as yet been definitely determined. Some of the scientists have given it as their opinion that the phenomenon of erect growth was and is in some manner related to the action of light. That this hypothesis is untenable was proved by Dr. Maxwell S. Masters of England, who found that sprouts on green posts thousands of feet underground in the mines always assume the erect attitude.

Their First Falling Out.

The speeding trains came together with a dull, sickening thud. A moment later the locomotives were facing each other in the distance, far away.

QUEER MANX LAWS.

And a Jeocular Reading of the Coat of Arms of the Island.

The Isle of Man presents many curious features, none of which are more curious than its laws. For instance, the legislature is called the house of keys and was in other times a judicial body charged with the duty of interpreting the laws. Any person so bold as to slander this house of keys was liable not only to a fine in the amount of £10, but to the loss of both his ears.

Two deacons were once appointed to execute the laws which before the year 1417 were uncodified, and these were known as breast laws, for the reason that they were imparted to the deacons in secret, to be kept by them within the secrecy of their own breasts as long as they chose or during their whole service, though they were authorized to impart and explain to the populace as much of these special laws as should at any time seem wise and expedient.

Certain of the Manx laws, as set down after the codification, are extremely quaint. Here are a couple of extracts from the Manx legal ruling:

"If a man steal a horse or an ox it is no felony, for the offender cannot hide them, but if he steal a capon or a pig he shall be hanged."

"In case of theft, if it amount to the value of sixpence halfpenny, it shall be felony and death to the offender, and under that value to be whipped or set upon a wooden horse, which shall be provided for such offenders."

The arms of the Isle of Man, which, though it may sound like an Irish bull to say so, are legs—three legs bent at the knee and apparently kicking outward from a common center in the midst of a shield—have provoked a number of jeocular descriptions, of which the best declares that one leg spurs Ireland, one kicks at Scotland, and the third kneels to England.

On July 5 of every year the laws of the Isle of Man are still read aloud to the assembled people from the top of Tynwald hill. This is said to be the most interesting and archaic legal ceremony observed today in Europe.—Harper's Weekly.

Origin of Paper Confecti.

Years ago a firm of printers in Paris executed an unusual, large order for almanacs. Each sheet was punched with a small hole for eye-letting and an immense number of tiny circles of colored paper accumulated in the workrooms. One day a workman grabbed a handful of these and in a spirit of fun threw the bits of paper over a workman who was engaged in the work. Others followed the example of the two, and a miniature snowstorm was in progress when the head of the firm entered. Being a man of imagination, he saw "something in it." Confecti was the result. Instead of destroying the punched out circles of paper he ordered new and special forms of machinery for turning out the little papers that form so picturesque a role in many festivities throughout the world. It is said that this firm alone turns out more than sixty tons of confecti a week.—Harper's.

If the Heart Stops Beating.

When the heart stops the circulation ceases, the capillaries of the lungs become gorged with stagnant blood, while the blood in the brain no longer carries away the waste products and brings the oxygenated fluid to restore the tissues. As the blood takes about half a minute to circulate through the whole system, it may be taken that at the end of this period after the stoppage of the heart the arteries would be filled by the last effort of the left ventricle, while the veins would be pouring their contents into the right auricle. In a few seconds more the nervous centers would cease to receive impulses, and the end of the minute the subject would be practically dead from suffocation, although reflex muscular action would probably keep up the appearance of life for some seconds longer.

Evolution of the Needle.

Sewing needles of bone, stone, glass and bronze antedate all historic records, but those of iron, brass and steel are comparatively modern. None and all of them are known to be over 4,000 years old, and similar domestic instruments of bronze and copper have been found in the mounds and burial caves of Europe and America which are believed to be much older than those found with the Nile mummies. The needle first appeared in its present form in European countries in the year 1410, but the art of making them was kept a secret for upward of 150 years after the date last given. In the year 1680 they were first made in the American colonies, but at what point is a mooted question among the historians.

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